

Kelantan got RM67.8m
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FEDERAL AID: Allocation for three water supply projects under 10th Plan

KELANTAN has never been sidelined in the awarding of soft loans by the Federal Government to upgrade infrastructure for water supply services.

Deputy Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Norinah Kasnon told the house that Kelantan had received a RM67.8 million ceiling allocation for three water supply projects under the first Rolling Plan of the 10th Malaysia Plan (10MP).

Norinah, who was replying to a question by Amran Ab Ghani (PKR-Tanah Merah), said under the 9th Malaysia Plan, Kelantan had received RM241.98 million for nine water supply projects.

She said seven of these projects had been completed with the implementation of the other two under 10MP.

"The contractors in the Kelantan water projects are Salcon Engineering Bhd, Fallah Technology Sdn Bhd, Ocean Electrical Co. Sdn Bhd, Tenaga Tiub Sdn Bhd, Menang Intan Sdn Bhd and Geo Info Services Sdn Bhd."

Following a supplementary question by Bung Mokhtar Radin (BN-Kinabatangan) on why the Kelantan government could not provide clean water despite receiving Federal Government funds, Norinah said it was possibly because of other weaknesses in the administration, especially in the state water supply industry.

"It is the aspiration of the Federal Government that the state government could move towards the restructuring of state water supply as per the Water Services Industry Act 2006.

"In this way, water operators in Kelantan can operate properly and bring much benefits to the state government," she said.

She added that that was the second option, while the first option was to change the Kelantan state government.

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